2013 Rate Application Consultant First Round Interrogatories

July 27, 2012

General – Source – Application

- 1. Please confirm that:
- a. This application (P. 19 22) was prepared based on revenue and expenditure forecasts for 2012 as of September 2011.
- b. The economic forecasts underpinning this 2013 application was based on the business plan for the 3rd quarter economic outlook for 2011 with the inflation rate forecasted to be 2%, with short term borrowing rate forecasts of 1.7%, long term interest rates forecasted to be 4.4% and wage and salary increases of 2.0%.
- c. The impact of this Application (if approved) would provide an overall System Average Increase of 5.0% with Urban Residential increasing \$4 per customer, \$10 for farms customers and commercial customers \$24/29 per month, and an overall system average of \$16/customer/month.
- d. The last rate change provided a system average increase of 4.5% and became effective August 1, 2010.
- e. SaskPower, through this 2013 Rate Application, is seeking a revenue increase of \$90.8 million which equates to the 5.0% system average increase.
- f. If approval of this 2013 Rate Application is granted, the rate of return is forecasted to be 8.5%, the established target.
- g. The interest coverage ratio for 2013 is forecasted to be 1.8%.
- h. With the proposed increase in rates, the net income for 2013 is forecasted to be \$165.9 million and without the increase in rates proposed in this application, SaskPower's net income for 2013 is forecasted to be \$75.1 million.

- i. The specific rate increases for all customers within the all classes except for Power-Published rates at 6.1%, are forecasted to be 4.9% if the 2013 rate application is approved.
- 2. Please show SaskPower's rate increase on a compounded basis during the period 1999 to 2011 and the inflation (Consumer Price Index) over that same time period.
- 3. Please provide similar numbers as requested in (2) above from 2005 to 2011.
- 4. Based on 2013 forecasts, if net income was to change by \$10 million, what ROE would result?
- 5. Please confirm what Canadian/US dollar exchange rate was in 2011, projected for in 2012 and forecast for 2013.
- 6. Please provide copies of the reports prepared for SPC by Business Renewal Program initiatives. Also provide comments on the recommended initiatives of the Business Renewal Reports for each of the reports by KPMG, UMS and Deloitte. Please include each initiative's start date, the efficiencies expected and quantification of financial benefits with any other specific benefits accrued to date.
- 7. Please provide an update on the Service Delivery Renewal Project (SDR) which illustrates the projects by functional costs to date, expected total costs relative to original budget, scheduling and timelines for each step to conclusion and the current efficiency savings experienced and expected to be generated.
- 8. Please discuss SaskPower's view of what constitutes a "large rate increase" considering the current rate of inflation and what would be its view in this regard if inflation were 5%.
- 9. Tab 19 Please provide a table showing the percentage of hydro generation capacity provided by other fuel types for each of the Hydro Utilities used for Rate comparisons by SaskPower. Similarly, provide the fuel mix for each of Natural Gas, Coal, Hydro and Other for the Thermal Utilities.

Historical Information

10. Please confirm net income for 2011 was \$248.1 million with an ROE 13.2%.

Other Revenue

- 11. Please confirm that SaskPower's actual revenue received in 2011 for the revenue category "Exported Power" was \$40.3 million, with forecasts for 2012 and 2013 being \$27.3 million and \$22.2 million. Please provide details as to the reasons for the variances in forecasted revenue for Export Power.
- 12. Please provide the anticipated revenue decrease for "Revenue Electricity Trading" from the forecast for 2012 of \$15.8 million. Please explain the reasons of decrease and provide all the forecasted details.
- 13. Please provide further details showing actual results for 2009, 2010, and 2011 as well as forecasts for 2012 and 2013 for ancillary "other revenue" and explain any significant variance in this and Other Revenues.
- 14. a) Please provide a schedule showing all revenues flowing from or expenses flowing to affiliated companies to SaskPower regulated entity, commencing in 2009 and that projected for 2012 and 2013.
 - b) Please confirm that no changes (or, in the alternative, describe any changes) have been made to the cost allocation principles/policies/protocols with affiliates/subsidiaries since the 2010 Application.
- 15. Please detail the nature of the forecasts for Gas and Electric Inspections and Customer connects for 2012 and 2013 and compare these to the 2009, 2010 and 2011 actual results.
- 16. Please provide details of the expected revenue in 2013 of \$19.2 million for CO² sales.

Operations, Maintenance & Administration

- 17. Please update the graph for Total FTE's similar to that provided in Table 3.9 of the Consultant's Report in 2010 using actual 2010 and 2011, and forecast for 2012 and 2013.
- 18. Please provide a five year historic record of SaskPower's FTE to number of customer ratio to 2011 and projected for 2012 and 2013.
- 19. Please detail and explain any changes in SaskPower organizational chart since 2010 and show 2010, 2011 & 2012 proposed FTE's per operating division.
- 20. Please discuss any proposed change in FTE from 2011 going forward in the business planning period for the business units specifically including the President's office, T & D customer service, and CI&T.
- 21. Please provide a table illustrating OM&A cost per customer for actual costs & customers for 2009 to 2011 and forecasts for 2012 & 2013.
- 22. For transition purposes please provide:
 - a) a schedule as depicted on page 26 of SaskPower Application including the years 2008, 2009, and 2010 actual costs per and;
 - b) a break out schedule of OM & A expenses for 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 in the format similar to Table 3.7 on page 29 in the 2010 Consultant Report, attached including a break-out of wages/salaries (Permanent, Part Time, temporary, Apprentice and Contract positions for regular pay, premium pay, and overtime) between wages, pensions and benefit costs. Please include in this schedule specific line costs for labour credits, overhead credits, internal recoveries, charges to capital, miscellaneous corporate charges and intercompany allocations and;
 - c) please file a schedule detailing actual OM&A expenses capitalized for 2010, 2011 and projected for 2012 & 2013 by labour, overhead, and interest and other.
- 23. Please explain the DIP Premium Increase of \$1.6 million forecasted for 2013 while there was no entry for 2011 actual and 2012 is forecasted at zero dollars? (Reference P. 26 Application).

- 24. Please provide the actuarial report detailing the change in pension expense (Reference P. 26 Application).
- 25. Please indicate when the current employee labour agreements are set to expire and provide a status report on current or anticipated negotiations with the two unions.
- 26. Please provide the reports for the business units providing a comprehensive picture of the recommendations for reducing the OM&A cost depicted in the Table on P. 1 of Tab 7 of the Application (or as revised).
- 27. a) Please provide a description of the New OM&A Initiatives for 2012 and for 2013 together with the forecasted costs and anticipated benefits.
 - b) Please quantify, to the extent possible, the ultimate costs over the life of these new proposed initiatives.
 - c) Please provide a schedule (table) summarizing each year's current and future costs by initiative per year and in gross total for the Business Plan forecast period of 2012 to 2016.
 - d) Please discuss how SaskPower factors in the change in maintenance costs related to replacing of aged infrastructure as well as the installation of new generation, transmission and distribution facilities.
- 28. a) Please provide a schedule showing lost accident days since 2009, by Business unit.
 - b) If available, please provide a breakdown of the \$1 billion added to the Saskatchewan economy annually by various SaskPower activities.
 - c) Please provide details of the new metric for the 5 year FTE plan.
- 29. Please provide details of the \$12.3 million (or the updated amount) of savings from the Business Renewal Project and also provide details of anticipated savings for 2013. (2012 Strategic Plan P. 21).
- 30. Please detail the \$220 million in savings forecast for 2013, as mentioned in the Application.
- 31. Please discuss the Business Renewal Office with respect to reporting relationships within SPC, current and planned FTE's, mandate and projected costs from 2011 to 2016.

- 32. a) In the response to IR OM&A 42 (2009) SaskPower indicated that it would be undertaking an analysis to determine if it was possible to off-set some of the costs of the credit card payment program by eliminating or reducing other functions that SaskPower had been performing prior to the program introduction. Please indicate whether that analysis been completed and if so, can you advise what, if any, actions have been taken to date and;
 - b) Please provide the actual costs of the credit card program for 2011 and forecast for 2012 and 2013.
- 33. Please discuss the related transformation to SaskPower's telephony system with respect to cost, anticipated benefits and schedules.
- 34. Please discuss the Field Worker Technology (FWT) initiative, budgets, capital and implementation costs realized and anticipated benefits, indicating also when the initiative was started and completed.
- 35. The 2012 Business Plan shows changes relative to the June 2011 Forecast. Please file in conjunction with the September updates, the Actual 2011 results and indicated how the results impact the 2012 and 2013 Business Plans.

Insurance

36. Please update the schedule provided in 2010 with respect to actual Insurance costs and bad debt expenses for 2010 and 2011 and forecasted for 2012 – 2013.

Depreciation

- 37. Please describe what methodology changes have been instituted as a result of implementation of Ganett & Fleming 2010 deprecation study.
- 38. Please provide an update to schedule for the years 2009 to 2013 (actual/forecast) confirming the actual and forecasted annual depreciation rates and amortization costs by major plant categories similar to changes shown in Table 3.11 of the 2010 Consultant's Report.
- 39. Please also indicate for 2010 and 2011 the costs attributable to:
 - a) the new depreciation study and
 - b) the conversion to IFRS as applicable.

Finance and Debt Charges

40. Finance charges are expected to increase significantly (from \$150 million in 2010) within the Business Plan forecast period. Please provide the schedules showing the components of this anticipated increase in actual interest charges for 2010 and 2011 and forecasted for 2012 and 2013.

41. Please confirm:

- a) that for 2010 forward SaskPower has, under IFRS, elected to recognize leases for exclusive production (PPA's) assets which account for the major increase in finance costs under the line item "Interest on Finance Lease" during this time period.
- b) that the total finance lease obligation as at December 31, 2011 was \$552 million.
- 42. Please confirm that the corporation had \$353 million in sinking funds at December 31, 2011. Please advise the current rate of interest forecasted for these debt retirement funds.
- 43. Please confirm that currently SaskPower holds no debt or exposure for trading which would be subject to a foreign exchange cost.

44. Please provide:

- a) current schedule of all outstanding long term debt including the retirement date and specific interest rate associated with each issue similar to that provided in your annual report for both long term debt and non-recourse debt.
- b) a schedule for 2009, 2010 and 2011 and forecasts for 2012 & 2013 detailing, for each year, SaskPower's debt, SPI non-recourse debt, other debt and total debt less sinking funds for the total long term debt.

Corporate & Grant in lieu of taxes

45. Please provide the actual taxes paid consisting of; corporate capital tax, municipal surcharges, grants in lieu by municipality and miscellaneous tax expense in 2010 and 2011, and the forecasted amounts for 2012 and 2013.

Return on Equity & Dividend

- 46. Please confirm that a dividend was not declared in 2010 and the declared dividend of \$120 million for 2011 is to be paid in four installments in 2012.
- 47. Please confirm that at the time of the Application the forecast for 2012 SaskPower's net income before unrealized market value adjustments is expected to be \$157 million, resulting in an approximate return on equity of 7.6%. Please provide any updates available together with the complete 2nd quarter report.
- 48. The 2010 debt ratio declined to 63.0% from 65.4% in 2009 and remained the same for 2011. Please provide the forecasted debt ratio for 2012 and 2013.

General Financial Overviews

- 49. Please provide a schedule detailing actual working capital allowance for 2009, 2010, 2011, and projections for 2012 and 2013.
- 50. Please discuss whether all data in this application for 2011 onward utilizes Weather normalized data, or actual results.
- 51. Please provide a schedule showing the reconciliation from Canadian GAAP to IFRS on 2010 and 2011 and any future anticipated impacts.

System Operations

- 52. Please provide a Provincial Map showing additions to all SaskPower's Generation sites, including Hydro, Natural gas, Co-Gen, wind, IPP and Diesel sites showing all transmission lines (by line KV capacity) from each of the generation sites to the various load centers, indicating grid interties, as applicable since 2009.
- 53. Reference: Application Tab 17 Please provide schedules from 2009 to 2011 and forecasts for 2012 to 2016 showing the generation capacity added, generation capacity retired and total capacity available by fuel type.
- 54. Please describe any changes, since 2009, to the specific dispatch polices and rules for use of the various fuel sources to meet daily load and the peak day load for 2009, 2010 and 2011 and projected for 2012 and 2013.

- 55. Please show the fuel type used for each of the years to meet peak day load requirements as well as the annual fuel mix percentages.
- 56. Please provide an update of the Feasibility Study Agreement with First Nations Partners, including SaskPower's total costs to date, as well as what SaskPower currently anticipated final total costs.
- 57. Please describe the terms of the Renewal of the British Columbia firm transmission Service and how it will ensure NorthPoint access to the Alberta Market.
- 58. Please confirm that the material provided in Tab 17 of the Consultants MFR dated December 31, 2011 remains SaskPower's Generation Supply Plan for 2012 and 2013. If not please provide any updated materials together with the frequency and the types of changes that require SaskPower to review the 5 year and 40 year supply plans.
- 59. Please provide any updates with respect to the Contingency Plan component of the 2011 to 2015 Resource Supply Plan.
- 60. Please confirm that the material in Tab 17 (Current 40 Year Supply Plan) is considered to be confidential by SaskPower and explain the rationale for this position.
- 61. Please discuss the status of the planning document related to the far north requirements and the integrated supply resources. If available please file the document.
- 62. Please file SaskPower planned maintenance program for 2011 and the programs for 2012 & 2013. Indicate the cost savings for OM&A and fuel as a result of implementation of the recommendation of the SaskPower's consultant's report in this regard.
- 63. Please provide a schedule related to power outages in excess of 2 hours, indicating the cause of the outages, for both generation and transmission, and the length of time required to restore power for each of the years 2009, 2010 and 2011.
- 64. Please provide a schedule showing all power outages related to unusual severe weather events in 2011, including cause, duration of outages, and backup supply of applicable and costs to restore power.
- 65. Please confirm that the last NERC compliance audit was completed in 2009 and provide a high level summary of the Audit. If a more recent audit was preformed, please file the

- audit findings report, as well as any other NERC Reports regarding reliability or violations received in 2011 and 2012.
- 66. Please provide further details of the Saskatchewan Electric Reliability Authority and explain how it will facilitate with compliance of NERC reliability standards (Sustainability Report P. 47).
- 67. Please explain the follow up procedures that can be or are employed to optimize the electric system with respect to Grid Losses monitoring & explain how this reduces line losses.
- 68. Please describe the relationship between line losses and:
 - a) transmission line capacity and;
 - b) length and type of transmission lines.
- 69. Please discuss SaskPower's expectations with respect to future line losses considering new transmission lines to accommodate expected load growth and upgrades of existing transmission infrastructure.
- 70. Please discuss when the net metering program was instituted, costs by year and benefits to date to SaskPower, Power produced and unit cost of purchases.
- 71. Please provide an update on the SaskPower's investigations respecting the possibility of nuclear power generation (2012 Strategic Plan P. 33).

Fuel and Purchased Power - General

- 72. Please provide schedules showing new generation added, retired and/or refurbished for 2010, 2011 and planned for 2012 & 2013. Please also indicate whether the projects were completed on budget, explaining any significant variances.
- 73. Generation and Purchased Power Volumes schedule on Page 23 of the application forecasts generation volumes. Please provide similar schedule including actual results for 2009, 2010 and 2011 with forecasts for 2012 and 2013. Please also confirm the generation forecasts for 2013 on Hydro reflect median flow conditions.
- 74. Please update the summary of all the information provided in the 2010 response to the IR FFP-76 (2009), using the same format related to the various fuel types utilized by SaskPower.

- 75. Please provide the estimated and actual unit costs for each fuel type for each year from 2009 to 2011, and forecast unit costs for 2012 and 2013.
- 76. Please provide a schedule and discuss SaskPower's Take or Pay obligations under its various PPA's, including energy commitments and costs (in aggregate), as well as risks that energy that must be purchased by SaskPower that cannot be fully utilized under favorable weather conditions.

Fuel and Purchased Power - Natural Gas

- 77. Please describe any changes to SaskPower's or NorthPoint's procedure related to procurement of Natural Gas supplies, including Storage gas since 2010.
- 78. Please provide a detailed record of SaskPower's natural gas sourced under long term, short term contracts and spot purchases including details of each contract, such as supply terms and deliverability entitlements for each contract, physical volumes and gas from storage. Please indicate the supply basin source (or Province) for all supply contracts.
- 79. The MFR included copies of the NorthPoint Risk Management Manual and the Market Risk Management Policies and Procedure Manual. Please describe any changes to the Policies and Procedure Manual since May 21, 2009.
- 80. Please provide a schedule of the actual natural gas volumes used in 2010 and 2011 together with the forecasted volumes required for 2012 and 2013.
- 81. Please provide a schedule indicating the natural gas hedged actual volumes for 2011 and the 2012 and 2013 natural gas requirements that are hedged, and indicate hedges already in place for future year volumes. Please provide the financial instrument cost-volume breakdown and indicate the overall annual cost of hedged volumes.
- 82. Please provide an update to the response provided to IR #59 (2010) using the same format.
- 83. Please provide schedule showing original estimates for all components of natural gas costs, second quarter estimate revisions, and final costs including the financial impacts on final costs flowing from NorthPoint's and/or SaskPower hedging activities from 2005 to 2011.

- 84. Please provide the detailed schedule(s), similar to those provided by NorthPoint in 2010 for IR # 60 mid-application and subsequent revised forecast gas cost, that resulted in the Application forecasted AECO C natural gas costs of \$2.89/GJ.
- 85. Please discuss the Natural Gas Volume SaskPower purchases from TransGas priced at the TransGas Energy Price Pool (TEP) Price; please provide details of all costs for both source and the amount of imported volume.
- 86. Please describe the changes, if any, in SaskPower's relationship to or contracts with NorthPoint related to natural gas procurement and daily management of required load, indicating staffing levels and changes, organization changes, and annual cost to SaskPower.
- 87. Please discuss whether NorthPoint conducted any natural gas trading activity in addition to those conducted on behalf of SaskPower. If yes, please provide the financial impacts of these on NorthPoint and SaskPower.
- 88. Please update the schedule providing the volumes of natural gas actually used compared to forecast volumes for the years 2008 through to 2011 and provide additional explanations, as necessary, for the significant variances in volumes year over year.
- 89. Please re-file the document(s) filed with the Panel flowing from the Review of the Gas Supply function (Application Tab 6 point 6).

Fuel and Purchased Power - Coal

- 90. Please update SaskPower's coal supply contracts (or supply arrangements) since 2010 filing, including volumes supplied, average heat values, locations of sources, and unit costs.
- 91. Please provide an updated schedule indicating the total coal royalties paid or forecasted to be paid in the years 2010 to 2013 as applicable.
- 92. Please discuss whether SaskPower has conducted any further analyses regarding the use of importing a higher grade coal for use in its generation.

Fuel and Purchased Power - Hydro

- 93. Please update the schedule showing the actual and forecasted water rental fees imposed by Saskatchewan Watershed Authority for 2010, 2011 and forecasted for 2012 and 2013.
- 94. Please provide the actual total GWh hydraulic generation produced in 2009, 2010, 2011 and forecasted for 2012 detailing the specific flow conditions for each year.

Export – Import Power

- 95. Please update the schedule showing 2010 -2013 year records for actual and forecasted export/import quantities and revenues/costs.
- 96. Please discuss whether SaskPower's Generation Planning and future resource planning focus is on Saskatchewan's supply requirements and continues to specifically exclude provisions for export power.
- 97. Please define "under normal system conditions" specified on page 6 of the Application?
- 98. Please advise of the specific quality standards for parties utilizing the Open Access Transmission Tariff?

Wind

- 99. Please document any changes to the wind capacity factors or the Saskatchewan wind generation system planning since 2009.
- 100. Please provide a schedule showing monthly generation in GWh and wind capacity factors for the related wind facilities for 2010, 2011 and projections for 2012.
- 101. Please discuss the maximum wind generation capacity that can be incorporated into SaskPower's grid and still be of overall benefit to the system, recognizing the need for supply backup, operational restrictions due to cold weather and any other operational constraints.

Load Forecasting

- 102. Please describe how SaskPower defines normal weather, and indicate any changes in the definition since 2009.
- 103. Please provide a copy of the Itron Inc load forecasting methodology submitted in 2010.
- 104. Please discuss any resulting changes from that study to the 2012 and 2013 load forecasts.
- 105. Please discuss the impacts on SaskPower's annual energy and peak load for average weather and what these amounts would be for the warmest and coldest years on record. Please use 2011 consumptions and peak loads for this analysis.
- 106. Please provide a schedule showing the historic forecast, actual and weather normalized load and peak requirements over the last five years, by customer class and on an overall basis and explain major variances including data for 2010 and 2011.
- 107. Please discuss any specific changes or different methods used to forecast loads for the Major Customer Classes Power, Oilfield, Commercial, Residential, Farm, Reseller and Non-Grid since the 2010 application.
- 108. Please discuss how SaskPower determined load growth for its 2 Resellers and how Demand Side Management was factored into these considerations.
- 109. Please discuss whether SaskPower anticipates any capital programs designed to attach the current non-grid customers to the grid, within the 2012 to 2016 planning period.
- 110. Please confirm that SaskPower's second quarter load forecasts (June 2011) have been used to estimate the 2012 and 2013 revenue and/or cost estimates, and that these will be the updated in September of this year.
- 111. Please file schedules showing data for 2010 and 2011 total energy generated by year by fuel mix type and projections for 2012 and 2013.

Demand Side Management

- 112. Please provide a schedule/table using the material provided in the application on P.16/17 adding the current status of the program (ongoing, in development, or under examination) together with the estimated investment in each of the years 2012 and 2013 with the anticipated immediate projected energy savings and ultimate energy savings or other benefits.
- 113. Please provide details as to the Demand Response Program from 2009 to 2011 including the number of participants by year, actual number and extent of load reduction realized and quantify the benefits to SaskPower and to the participants.
- 114. What are SaskPower's Annual Costs for 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013 (projected) for the Refrigerator Recycle Program?
- 115. Please provide a table with the estimated annual energy savings (MWh) for 2012 and 2013.
- 116. Please also confirm that the intent of the current programs is to deliver effective reduction in energy use, thereby providing cost savings to SaskPower's generation supply plan. Please also describe the test(s) used to determine a specific program's acceptability.
- 117. Please discuss whether the Alternative Farm Energy Solar and Wind-Powered Livestock Water Pumping Program are considered a DSM Program or a cost avoidance program for both the customer and SaskPower.

Capital Expenditures and Rate Base

- 118. Please describe SaskPower's capital budgeting process and capitalization policy and provide schedules showing the amount capitalized in the OM&A and other related budgets for 2010, 2011 and forecast for 2012 and 2013.
- 119. Please provide SaskPower's expected customer connections for 2012 and 2013, given the most recent 2010 and 2011 connections of 3,717 and 4,159 for 2012 and 2013 respectively.
- 120.a) Please provide a schedule showing the estimated rate increases that would be required for each year from 2013 to 2016 flowing only from the proposed capital programs (that is, all else remaining constant).

- b) Please describe the nature of the negative values for the core capital projects contingency and new generation contingency 2012 Business Plan P. 32.
- c) Please explain the PERA estimates under Infrastructure and capital programs for 2011, 2012 & 2013.
- 121. Please discuss whether costs for all capital programs shown in the 2012 Business Plan are net of third party contributions from customers and/or other sources.
- 122. Recognizing the Capital Program is not within the Terms of Reference for SRRP, please provide further details of the Capital Program, similar to that provided in the 2010 Application.
- 123.a) Please describe SaskPower's policy with respect to customer contributions related to Capital Projects and Customer attachments.
 - b) Please file a schedule showing all customer contributions for all capital projects for 2010 and 2011 and forecasts for 2012 and 2013 and include the calculations used to determine the amount of these contributions.
- 124. Please provide continuity schedules for showing Gross and Net Plant, Depreciation, Plant Additions and Plant Retirements since 2009.
- 125. Please provide details demonstrating the actual 2010, 2011 and 2012 & 2013 forecasted impacts on revenue requirements by components flowing entirely from the 2009 to 2013 Capital Programs.
- 126. Please file a schedule showing approved and actual capital expenditures for 2010 and 2011 and explain any variances.
- 127. Please confirm that the September update will include actual capital expenditures for 2011 and revisions to planned capital programs for 2012 to 2016, as necessary.
- 128. Please discuss the "shift in the timing of Capital Expenditures" and explain how this timing shift impacts on future capital programs contemplated for 2012 and 2013.
- 129. Please discuss SaskPower's analysis of the capability of Saskatchewan Construction Industry to install SaskPower's capital program projects for 2012, and 2013, and indicate the experience in 2010 and 2011.

- 130. Please provide a list by year for 2012 and 2013 and discuss the amount of Capital Programs that SaskPower considers could be done within the Province and what portion must be "imported". Please also indicate what portion of the 2011 capital program was constructed by Saskatchewan based industry.
- 131. Please discuss the potential upgrades to transmission interties with Manitoba, Alberta, and North Dakota; including nature of the upgrades, increased import/export capacity projected costs and tentative schedules.

Cost of Service

- 132. Please either confirm that there have been no changes to the Cost of Service methodology, classification/allocation factors from the 2010 application, or alternatively, describe fully the changes made.
- 133. Please confirm that there have been no changes in rate design for any classes, including intra class rate differentials.
- 134. Please explain why the forecasted revenue for Residential, Farm and Commercial customers is greater in 2011 than is expected for 2012.
- 135. Please provide schedules showing the revenues and costs for each customer class for each of the energy, demand and basic monthly charge components for 2010, 2011 and that projected for 2012 & 2013, as well as the average class unit revenues (in cents/KWh).
- 136. Please file the 2011 COSS and the 2012 & 2013 Prospective COSS.

Environmental

- 137. Please provide an update respecting SaskPower industry partnership including the government of Canada in examining Carbon Capture and Storage, economic, technical & environmental needs including costs, cost sharing and proposed schedules. (Sustainability Report P. 22).
- 138. Please provide an update on the Green Power Initiative (GO Partners Program) including the ability of parties to currently access this program.